

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1 - 25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A receiver comprising:

receiving means for receiving digital content and attributive information from a broadcast station, the attributive information including an accounting amount for the digital content, and the receiving means including an infra-red radiation receiving unit;

remote controller means, which includes an infra-red radiation emitting unit, for remotely controlling the receiving means by transmitting an infra-red radiation signal from the infra-red radiation emitting unit to the infra-red radiation receiving unit in the receiving means, the remote controller means having a display unit and a removable recording medium,

wherein the remote controller means is separate from the receiving means;

selecting means for comparing first selective information with the attributive information,

~~wherein the selective information includes an accounting amount which is changed in response to using environment of each user, amount of commercial message listened and viewed by each user, and numbers of request for a program by each user, and is variable~~

~~when a first user introduces a program to a second user and the second user uses the introduced program;~~

a filtering means for filtering the attributive information on the basis of the first selective information to select the digital content;

a code decoding means for decoding a code of the digital content filtered by the filtering means using a predetermined cipher key, the cipher key being possessed by a registered user of the broadcast station, wherein upon decoding the code of the digital content by the code decoding means, transmitting an accounting data to the broadcast station;

recording means for recording digital content on the receiver, said digital content selected on the basis of the first selective information; and

removable recording medium control means for recording at least one of said selected digital content, and for storing address information of digital content to the broadcast station, on the removable recording medium,

wherein the selected digital content recorded on the removable recording medium is reproducible on the display unit of the remote controller means,

wherein the broadcast station carries out accounting for the user on the basis of the transmitted accounting data,

wherein the broadcast station changes the accounting amount for the digital content based on the using environment of each user, amount of commercial messages listened to and viewed by each user, and number of requests for the digital content by users, the accounting amount further being variable when a first user introduces the digital content to a second user and the second user uses the introduced digital content.

wherein the using environment is determined by at least the type of display unit coupled to the receiver, the type of display unit selected from the group comprising cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display, plasma display, plasma addressing liquid crystal display, and field emission display.

27. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 26, wherein the removable recording medium control means is configured to store client identification.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A receiver comprising:

a receiver unit configured to receive digital content and attributive information from a broadcast station, the attributive information including an accounting amount for the digital content, and the receiver unit including an infra-red radiation receiving unit;

a remote controller, which includes an infra-red radiation emitting unit, configured to remotely control the receiver unit by transmitting an infra-red radiation signal from the infra-red radiation emitting unit to the infra-red radiation receiving unit in the receiver unit, the remote controller having a display unit and a removable recording medium,

wherein the remote controller is separate from the receiver unit;

a selector configured to compare first selective information with the attributive information,

~~wherein the selective information includes an accounting amount which is changed in response to using environment of each user, amount of commercial message listened and viewed by each user, and numbers of request for a program by each user, and is variable when a first user introduces a program to a second user and the second user uses the introduced program;~~

a filter configured to filter the attributive information on the basis of the first selective information to select the digital content;

a cipher key unit for decoding a code of the digital content filtered by the filter using a predetermined cipher key, the cipher key being possessed by a registered user of the broadcast station, wherein upon decoding the code of the digital content by the cipher key unit, transmitting an accounting data to the broadcast station;

a recorder configured to record digital content on the receiver unit, said digital content selected on the basis of the first selective information; and

a removable recording medium controller configured to record at least one of said selected digital content, and to store address information of digital content to the broadcast station, on the removable recording medium,

wherein the selected digital content recorded on the removable recording medium is reproducible on the display unit of the remote controller,

wherein the broadcast station carries out accounting for the user on the basis of the transmitted accounting data,

wherein the broadcast station changes the accounting amount for the digital content based on the using environment of each user, amount of commercial messages

listened to and viewed by each user, and number of requests for the digital content by users, the accounting amount further being variable when a first user introduces the digital content to a second user and the second user uses the introduced digital content,

wherein the using environment is determined by at least the type of display unit coupled to the receiver, the type of display unit selected from the group comprising cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display, plasma display, plasma addressing liquid crystal display, and field emission display.

30. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 29, wherein the removable recording medium is configured to store client identification.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method of receiving digital content comprising:  
receiving digital content and attributive information at a receiver from a broadcast station, the attributive information including an accounting amount for the digital content, and  
the receiver including an infra-red radiation receiving unit;

remotely controlling the receiver with a remote controller having an infra-red radiation emitting unit, a display unit and a removable recording medium, by transmitting an infra-red radiation signal from the infra-red radiation emitting unit to the infra-red radiation receiving unit in the receiver,

wherein the remote controller is separate from the receiver;

comparing first selective information with the attributive information,  
~~wherein the selective information includes an accounting amount which is  
changed in response to using environment of each user, amount of commercial message listened  
and viewed by each user, and numbers of request for a program by each user, and is variable  
when a first user introduces a program to a second user and the second user uses the introduced  
program;~~

filtering the attributive information on the basis of the first selective information  
to select the digital content;

decoding a code of the digital content filtered by the filtering means using a  
predetermined cipher key, the cipher key being possessed by a registered user of the broadcast  
station, wherein upon decoding the code of the digital content by the deciphering means,  
transmitting an accounting data to the broadcast station;

recording selected digital content on the receiver, said digital content selected on  
the basis of the first selective information;

recording said selected digital content on the removable recording medium,  
storing address information of digital content to the broadcast station on the  
removable recording medium; and

reproducing the selected digital content recorded on the ~~on the~~ display unit of the  
remote controller,

wherein the broadcast station carries out accounting for the user on the  
basis of the transmitted accounting data,

wherein the broadcast station changes the accounting amount for the digital content based on the using environment of each user, amount of commercial messages listened to and viewed by each user, and number of requests for the digital content by users, the accounting amount further being variable when a first user introduces the digital content to a second user and the second user uses the introduced digital content.

wherein the using environment is determined by at least the type of display unit coupled to the receiver, the type of display unit selected from the group comprising cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display, plasma display, plasma addressing liquid crystal display, and field emission display.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32 further comprising storing client identification on the removable recording medium.

34. (Currently Amended) A digital content distribution method comprising:  
transmitting digital content and attributive information, the attributive information including an accounting amount for the digital content;

receiving the digital content and the attributive information on a remotely located first receiver from a broadcast station, the receiver including an infra-red radiation receiving unit;  
remotely controlling the receiver with a first remote controller having an infra-red radiation emitting unit, a display unit and a removable recording medium, by transmitting an infra-red radiation signal from the infra-red radiation emitting unit to the infra-red radiation receiving unit in the receiver,

wherein the first remote controller is separate from the first receiver;;  
comparing first selective information by the first receiver based upon the  
attributive information,

~~wherein the selective information includes an accounting amount which is  
changed in response to using environment of each user, amount of commercial message listened  
and viewed by each user, and numbers of request for a program by each user, and is variable  
when a first user introduces a program to a second user and the second user uses the introduced  
program;~~

filtering the attributive information on the basis of the first selective information  
to select the digital content;

decoding a code of the digital content filtered by the filtering means using a  
predetermined cipher key, the cipher key being possessed by a registered user of the broadcast  
station, wherein upon decoding the code of the digital content by the deciphering means,  
transmitting an accounting data to the broadcast station;

recording selected digital content on the first receiver, said digital content selected  
on the basis of the first selective information;

recording said selected digital content on the removable recording medium,  
storing address information of digital content to the broadcast station on the  
removable recording medium; and

reproducing the selected digital content recorded on the ~~on~~ the display unit of the  
first remote controller,



wherein the broadcast station carries out accounting for the user on the basis of the transmitted accounting data,

wherein the broadcast station changes the accounting amount for the digital content based on the using environment of each user, amount of commercial messages listened to and viewed by each user, and number of requests for the digital content by users, the accounting amount further being variable when a first user introduces the digital content to a second user and the second user uses the introduced digital content,

wherein the using environment is determined by at least the type of display unit coupled to the receiver, the type of display unit selected from the group comprising cathode ray tube, liquid crystal display, plasma display, plasma addressing liquid crystal display, and field emission display.

35. (Previously Presented) The transmitting method of claim 34 further comprising storing client identification on the removable recording medium.

36. (Previously Presented) The transmitting method of claim 35 further comprising:

providing the removable recording medium to a second remote controller associated with a second receiver; and

automatically receiving, without user intervention, at the second remote controller, digital content based on the address information of digital content and client identification stored on the removable recording medium.

37. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 29, wherein the controller compiles the attributive information of the digital content that is reproduced by a user, analyzes a taste of the user based on the compiled attributive information, and changes a weighting of a value of a parameter of the first selective information based on the analysis of the user's taste, thereby changing the filter configured to filter the attributive information to select the digital content.

38. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 29, wherein a parameter of the first selective information is set to exclude programs from being recorded and reproduced.

39. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 30, wherein the digital content includes commercial information and the controller records selected commercial information based on the first selective information in a dedicated area of the recording medium.

40. (Previously Presented) The receiver of claim 39, wherein the selected commercial content is reproduced within a predetermined time frame of the commercial message in a program.

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